

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Plaintiff(s),  
-against-

\_\_\_ Civ. \_\_\_ (KMW)

Defendant(s).

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

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**APPEARANCES:**

Plaintiff(s) by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Defendant(s) by: \_\_\_\_\_

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**KIMBA M. WOOD, U.S.D.J.:**

It is hereby ordered that:

**Pleadings and Parties:** Except for good cause shown --

1. No additional parties may be jointed after  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. No additional causes of action or defenses may be  
asserted after \_\_\_\_\_.

If the parties do not anticipate the joinder of any additional parties or the assertion of any additional causes of action or defenses, then the parties should insert above the date of the scheduling conference. Otherwise, the Court expects that all parties will be joined and all causes of action and defenses will be asserted **within 90 days of the first scheduling conference.**

**Discovery.** Except for good cause shown, all discovery shall be commenced in time to be completed by \_\_\_\_\_. The Court expects discovery to be completed **within 90 days of the first scheduling conference.** In the event that the parties believe that additional time is needed, the parties shall request an extension from the Court, by joint letter, and shall accompany that request with a proposed Amended Scheduling Order, with the extension not to exceed 60 days. Any further extensions will be given only after a showing of good cause that additional time is needed.

**Motions.** Except for good cause shown, no motions shall be filed or heard after \_\_\_\_\_. The parties may satisfy this deadline through the submission of a letter to the Court requesting a pre-motion conference. The Court expects that all motions will be filed or heard **within 21 days of the completion of discovery.**

**Pretrial Order.** A joint pretrial order shall be submitted by \_\_\_\_\_. The Court expects that a joint pretrial order will be submitted **within 28 days of the completion of discovery.** The pretrial order shall conform to the Court's instructions, a copy of which may be obtained from the Deputy Clerk. It shall be accompanied by **Memorandum of Law**, and, in a case to be tried to a jury, **Proposed Voir Dire** and **Requests to Charge.**

**Trial.** The parties shall be ready for trial on or after \_\_\_\_\_. The Court expects that the case will be ready for trial **1 day after the submission of the joint pretrial order.** Estimated trial time is \_\_\_\_\_.

Jury: \_\_\_\_\_. Non-jury: \_\_\_\_\_. **(Please check.)**

A copy of the Court's Trial Procedures can be downloaded from the Court's website at <http://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/judges/USDJ/wood.htm>.

**Final Pretrial Conference.** The Court will schedule a final pretrial conference in jury cases after the parties have filed their joint pretrial order. Non-jury cases will be referred to the designated Magistrate Judge for settlement after the joint pretrial order has been signed.

**Mediation.** Counsel for the parties have discussed the merits of mediation in regard to this action and wish to employ the free mediation services provided by this Court.

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**Other Directions:**

A pending dispositive motion cancels any previously scheduled status conference and adjourns the dates set out in this Scheduling Order as to all parties making or opposing the motion. In the event a dispositive motion is made after the completion of discovery, the dates for submitting the Memoranda of Law, Requests to Charge, Proposed Voir Dire, Pretrial Order and start of trial shall be changed from that shown above to three (3) weeks from the decision on the motion. The final pretrial conference, if any, will be scheduled by the Courtroom Deputy.

At any time after the Ready Trial Date, the Court may call the parties to trial upon forty-eight hours' notice. Therefore, counsel must notify the Court and their adversaries in writing of any potential scheduling conflicts, including, but not limited to, trials and vacations, that would prevent at trial at a particular time. Such notice must come before counsel are notified by the Court of an actual trial date, not after. Counsel should notify the Court and all other counsel in writing, at the earliest possible time of any particular scheduling problems involving out-of-town witnesses or other exigencies.

The parties also have the option of trying this action before the Magistrate Judge assigned to this case. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). Such a trial would be identical to a proceeding before this Court in all respects, and the judgment would be directly appealable to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Given the nature of this Court's criminal docket, it is more likely that electing to proceed before the Magistrate Judge would result in the parties receiving a firm trial date.

All communications to the Court and all filed papers must identify the name and docket number of the case, followed by the initials of the Judge (KMW), contain the writer's typewritten name, party's name, law firm (if any), business address and telephone number, and be signed by the individual attorney responsible for the matter (unless the party is proceeding pro se). Any letter to the Court must state the manner in which the letter was served on all other counsel.

If either party wishes to change the dates set forth in this Scheduling Order, it must submit a written request to the Court that complies with § 1.E of Judge Wood's Individual Practices.

**Signatures:**

**[Plaintiff's Attorney]**  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
**[Plaintiff's name]**

**[Defendant's Attorney]**  
Attorney for defendant  
**[Defendant's name]**

SO ORDERED.

Dated:      New York, New York  
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Kimba M. Wood  
United States District Judge